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SUBJ: DETENTIONS UNDER TERRORISM ACT

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QM ARREST OF FIVE YOUNG WHITE POLITICAL ACTIVISTS (REFTEL)
PROMPTED PROTEST DEMONSTRATIONS AT FOUR ENGLISH SPEAKING
UNIVERSITY CAMPUSES AUGUST 21. PROGRESSIVE-REFORM PARTY MP
HELEN SUZMAN ADDRESSED PROTEST MEETING OF ESTIMATED 2000
STUDENTS AT UNIVERSITY OF WITWATERSRAND IN JOHANNESBURG.
WITS STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL HAS APPLIED FOR PERMISSION
TO STAGE MARCH THROUGH DOWNTOWN JOHANNESBURG EARLY NEXT WEEK.
LOCAL PRESS REPORTS DEMONSTRATIONS AT UNIVERSITY OF NATAL IN
PIETERMARITZBURG, AND PLANS FOR MEETING AUGUST 22 AT RHODES
UNIVERSITY IN GRAHAMSTOWN. DEMONSTRATION AT UNIVERSITY OF
CAPE TOWN BEING REPORTED SEPTTEL.

2. PRESS REPORTS THAT NUSAS PRESIDENT TIP (SCHEDULED TO
RELINQUISH THAT OFFICE DECEMBER 1 IN FAVOR OF NEWLY ELECTED
PRESIDENT), WAS ARRESTED IN JOHANNESBURG APARTMENT OF GLEN

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MOSS, FORMER WITS SRC PRESIDENT. SEVERAL OTHER STUDENTS AT

APARTMENT, INCLUDING CURRENT WITS SRC PRESIDENT MIKE MENDELOWITZ, WERE ALSO DETAINED TEMPORARILY BUT RELEASED AFTER QUESTIONING. THEY TOLD PRESS THEY HAD NO IDEA WHY TIP AND MOSS WERE KEPT IN DETENTION.

3. CHIEF OF SECURITY POLICE GELDENHUYS TOLD PRESS AUGUST 21 THAT NINE BLACKS HAD ALSO BEEN DETAINED RECENTLY UNDER TERRORISM ACT. NAMES NOT RELEASED, BUT PRESS REPORTS THAT ONE IS MISS PHUMZA DYANTYYI OF KURUMAN, A SMALL TOWN IN NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE. JOHANNESBURG SOURCE CLOSE TO BLACK RADICAL POLITICS TOLD EMBOFF MORNING AUGUST 22 THAT HE BELIEVES OTHER EIGHT BLACKS ALSO ARRESTED IN KURUMAN, BUT UNABLE CONFIRM THIS AS YET. WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT CONNECTION, IF ANY, THERE MAY BE BETWEEN ARREST OF THIS NINE AND DETENTION OF OTHER FIVE.

4. MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND POLICE KRUGER, RESPONDING TO PRESS INQUIRIES PROMPTED IN PART BY STATEMENTS OF OPPOSITION POLITICIANS, SAID HE WOULD MAKE STATEMENT ON LATEST DETENTIONS BEFORE COMING WEEKEND. (PROG-REFORM MP VAN ZYL SLABBERT IS REPORTEDLY CARING FOR 12 YEAR OLD SON OF DETAINEE JAMES POLLEY AND HAD CALLED FOR EXPLANATIONS.)

5. CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE SOURCE IN JOHANNESBURG REPORTS THAT BY THEIR TALLY DETENTION OF THIS GROUP OF 14 BRINGS TOTAL NOW BEING DETAINED UNDER TERRORISM ACT TO ABOUT 40, WHICH INCLUDES DEFENDANTS AND OTHERS CONNECTED WITH CURRENT SASO TRIAL. BOWDLER

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